

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 1 - 15 are present and pending in the subject application.

In the Office Action dated December 28, 2007, the Examiner has objected to the claims due to informalities, has rejected claims 1 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, has rejected claims 1 - 3, 6 - 8 and 11 - 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and has rejected claims 4 - 5, 9 - 10 and 14 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the claims due to informalities. The Examiner takes the position that the term “content objects” in claims 1, 6 and 11 should be “content object”. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended and recite “...designated for inclusion in each content object...” for further clarification. Accordingly, the claims are considered to overcome the objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner takes the position that the term “the designations” in claims 1, 6 and 11 lacks antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended and recite “designations of prerequisite content entities”. Accordingly, claims 1, 6 and 11 and their corresponding dependent claims are considered to comply with 35 U.S.C. §112.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 3, 6 - 8 and 11 - 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,091,930 (Mortimer et al.). Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 4 - 5, 9 - 10 and 14 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Mortimer et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,606,633 (Tabuchi).

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended by Examiner Bashore and Examiner Nguyen during the recent Interview of April 1, 2008. During the Interview, Applicants discussed the present invention features of including (or removing) prerequisite content entities automatically when a content entity is selected for addition (or removal) with respect to a content object in view of the cited art. Applicants further showed the manner in which these features are recited in the claims. No agreement was reached. However, the Examiner indicated that placement of the list features in the claim body and further clarification of the addition or removal of the prerequisite content entities as automatic and without user intervention may overcome the rejections, but further consideration would be needed.

In accordance with the Interview, independent claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended to place the list features in the claim body, further clarify aspects of the claimed invention, and recite the features of automatically adding or removing the designated prerequisite content entities to or from the list in direct response to user interaction initiating the addition or removal of the selected content entity. In other words, the user interaction for addition or removal of the selected content entity automatically causes addition or removal of the prerequisite content entities (without further user interaction). Accordingly, independent claims 1, 6 and 11 and

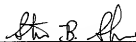
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their corresponding dependent claims are considered to overcome the rejections and be in condition for allowance.

The application, having been shown to overcome issues raised in the Office Action, is considered to be in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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